GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

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IRREGULARITIES IN IMPLEMENTING PULSE POLIO PROGRAMME
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether adequate facilities are available in each State of the country to treat the polio patients;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any irregularities have come to the notice of the Government in implementing pulse polio programme;

(d) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and

(e) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to curb such irregularities and to achieve the targets set for the programme?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a) & (b) Treatment facilities are available at tertiary level hospitals of States for treatment of polio patients.

(c) to(e) The vaccine is supplied to the States in kind. Funds towards operational expenses for conducting Pulse Polio Immunization rounds are given by Government of India to the States/UTs on the basis of approved financial norms for various components. Whenever instances of irregularities in the implementation of Pulse Polio Immunization come to notice, the State Governments are advised to take necessary action in the matter. One case of financial irregularities by some officials of Rajasthan Government was investigated and action taken by CBI as per law. In addition, two cases of alleged irregularities by State officials of Mathura district of Uttar Pradesh and Khammam district of Andhra Pradesh have been received and the respective States have been asked in May/June, 2004 to conduct departmental inquiries and send reports to the Government of India. One complaint against a Surveillance Medical officer (SMO) of National Polio Surveillance Project (NPSP)/World Health Organization (WHO) has also been received for which comments of NPSP have been sought.